

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 15 are now pending in the application. Claims 4, 6 - 8 and 10 have been amended. New Claims 11 - 15 have been added. This Amendment is responsive to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office mailed on December 30, 2004. The purpose of this amendment is to eliminate multiple dependent claims in order to reduce filing costs. Applicant respectfully submits that after entry of this Amendment, additional fees for multiple dependent claims are no longer due.

Basis for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings as originally filed. No new matter has been added. Applicant believes that the amended claims do not go beyond the disclosure of the application as filed. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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